

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



13 JAN. 1962
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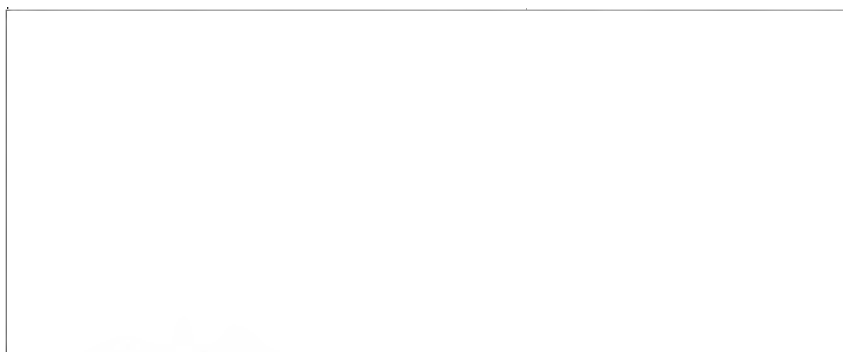
1. Laos

Each side continues building its case for the confrontation. Souphanouvong departed yesterday for Geneva via Hanoi. His mildly worded farewell reflected the opposition's tactic of adopting a passive posture. Boun Oum and Phoumi are scheduled to depart Vientiane Sunday. The former, in his speech requesting Assembly approval for the trip, charged Souvanna Phouma was pro-Communist and a Vientiane cabinet spokesman has announced the government will never give up the Defense and Interior portfolios.

2. Ambassador Young reports we are now "losing real ground in Thai official circles, and in public"

Thai leaders view our Laos policy and delay in firm military and economic aid commitments to Thailand as "doubly negative." Sarit and his Foreign Minister have been particularly blunt in reasserting their conviction that a Souvanna Phouma government means eventual Communist control of Laos with Thailand next on the list.

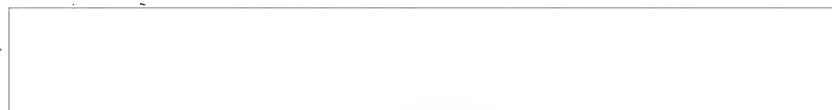
3. Indonesia



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C. The Makassar commander has announced that three Dutch nationals are among detainees held in connection with the 7 January assassination attempt on Sukarno.

4. More on Punta del Este preparations

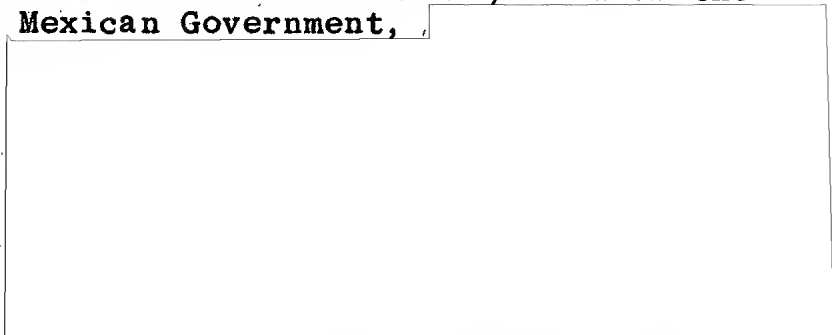


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still expects an invasion of Cuba in the near future, as does the Mexican Government,

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B. Roa is trying to arrange a pre-conference meeting jointly with the Brazilian and Mexican Foreign Ministers.



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5. Cuba expanding trade with bloc to over \$1 billion in 1962

Last year it was \$850 million, about three-quarters of Cuba's total trade. Under a 9 January agreement, trade with the USSR alone will increase from \$550 million to \$700 million, ranking Cuba fifth among Moscow's world trading partners following East Germany, Communist China, Czechoslovakia and Poland. Cuba's trade with non-Communist nations, while only \$250 million, continues a vital source of certain industrial and agricultural imports.

NOTES

- A. Pakistan's UN representative has formally requested a Security Council meeting to consider further action on the Kashmir dispute.
- B. The King of Nepal, disturbed by the Goa affair and what he believes is Indian complicity in exile efforts to overthrow him, is informally seeking from the US an expression of support for his government against attack by any country, including India.
- C. Morocco will accept "at least some" of the military equipment recently offered by the USSR. The King apparently has succumbed to Moscow's favorable terms [REDACTED] 50X1
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[REDACTED] an early offer of "modern and sophisticated equipment" from Western sources would have direct bearing on the extent of a Soviet deal. 50X1
- D. We anticipate incidents along the Jordan-Israeli frontier just south of the Dead Sea this week. [REDACTED] 50X1
- E. Once again suddenly reversing his field, Philippine ex-President Garcia last night, two hours before the deadline expired, filed a formal protest against Macapagal's election and demanded a recount.
- F. The Soviets successfully launched a probable category "B" second generation ICBM at 1700 EST yesterday. This is the second completed shot this year of the newer model and the 17th success out of 28 attempts to date. [REDACTED] 50X1

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[REDACTED] we have considerable evidence of dissatisfaction by both bloc and non-bloc users with the competitive shortcomings of Soviet civil aircraft.

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- H. By neat statistical juggling, North Vietnam has announced impressive gains for 1961 agriculture output. Our data, however, indicates per capita food production last year was in fact no better than in the poor crop year of 1960 which saw widespread food shortages and a significant drop in exports. We expect food shortages to recur this spring and Hanoi is already showing concern by demanding tighter controls on consumption.
- I. The Central Government has authorized Gizenga's immediate arrest and authorized General Lundula to take all necessary measures to prevent his further defiance.

DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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